

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, comprising:

a laundry tub in which laundry is put;

a water supply unit that supplies water to the laundry tub;

an agitating unit that agitates the laundry in the laundry tub;

an ion eluting portion for eluting metal ions and adding the eluted metal ions to water;

a sensing portion for sensing imbalance at the time of rotation of the laundry tub; and

~~in a case where imbalance in the laundry tub is sensed by the sensing portion at the time of spin-drying rotation of the laundry tub performed after metal ion-added water supplied from the ion eluting portion to the laundry tub is supplied,~~

~~the imbalance-correcting portion~~

a control unit that controls the water supply unit, the agitating unit, and the ion eluting portion, such that,

when no metal ion was supplied to the laundry tub prior to the spin-drying rotation, the control unit controls the water supply unit and the ion eluting portion to supply water containing no metal ion to the laundry tub, and controls the agitating unit to perform agitation to perform a first balance correction rinsing, and performs a second processing different from a first processing performed when imbalance is sensed in a case where the metal ion-added water is not supplied, and

when metal ion was supplied to the laundry tub prior to the spin-drying rotation, the control unit controls the water supply unit and the ion eluting portion to supply water containing metal ion to the laundry tub, and controls the agitating unit to perform agitation to

~~perform a second balance correction~~the second processing, is balance correction rinsing in which
the metal ion added water is supplied to the laundry tub and agitation is performed.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1,

wherein the ~~control unit imbalance-correcting portion~~ sets an amount of supply of the
metal ion added water to the laundry tub in the second balance the balance-correction rinsing so
as to be smaller than an amount of supply of the metal ion added water in a preceding operation.

4. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1,

wherein the ~~control unit imbalance-correcting portion~~ sets an amount of supply of the
metal ion added water to the laundry tub in the second balance the balance-correction rinsing so
as to be smaller than an amount of supply of the metal ion added water in a preceding operation.

5. (Previously Presented) A washing machine according to claim 1,

wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted with
respect to a vertical direction.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A washing machine according to claim 3,

wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted with respect to a vertical direction.

8. (Previously Presented) A washing machine according to claim 4,
wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted with respect to a vertical direction.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1, wherein
the control unit performs, prior to the second balance correction rinsing, balance
~~when the sensing portion detects imbalance in the laundry tub at the time of spin-drying~~
~~rotation of the laundry tub performed after the metal ion added water supplied from the ion~~
~~eluting portion to the laundry tub is supplies,~~
~~the imbalance correcting portion performs imbalance correction by agitation controlling~~
the agitation unit without the metal ion added water being supplied, and
thereafter performs the second balance correction rinsing when the sensing portion still
detects ~~detects~~ imbalance in the laundry tub at the time of spin-drying rotation performed
thereafter, ~~the imbalance correcting portion performs the second processing.~~